# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES AND MINERALS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6101
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MINERAL RESERVES
RAJO SINGH

**Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether new mineral reserves have been found in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for the exploitation of the same;

(c) the names of places where mining is in progress, till date;

(d) the achievements made in this regard;

(e) whether any technical assistance has been sought or proposed to be sought or proposed to be sought from certain foreign institutes for the mining work in Bihar; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS

(SMT. REETA VERMA )

(a&(b) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI), Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) and Department of Mining an Geology (DMG), Bihar have been carrying out exploration of minerals.GSI has established 668.84 million tonnes of coal reserve in East Bokaro Coalfield, West of South Karanpura Coalfield and Rajmahal Group of Coalfields areasFurther, GSI has located 243 prospects of commercial granite over an area of 2675 sq.km. in Chhota Nagpur Gneissic Terrain in Dumka, Koderma, Deogarh, Hazaribagh, Giridih, East and West Singhbhum districts.

MECL has estimated reserves of Coal - 4230.51 m.t, Copper - 9.25 m.t. and Bauxite - 7.94 m.t.

DMG, Bihar has reported occurences of Galena in Banka area and Pyroxenite in Singhbhum East, Jamshedpur.

Any Indian National or a Company as defined in the sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956 is free to exploit the mineral reserves after getting mining lease in accordance with the provisions of Mineral and Minerals (Development Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules framed thereunder.

(c)&(d) : Information is furnished at Annexure.

(e) ; No, Sir.

(f) : Question does not arise.

Annexure

MINERAL PRODUCTION 1997-98 & 1998-99
(By State/Districts/Minerals) (Value in Rs.`000`)

| District/Minerals | Unit | Mine Qty. | 1997-98 | Value | Mine Qty. | 1998-99 | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bihar | | | | | | | |
| All Districts | | | | | | | |
| Coal | 000 t | 173 | 81035 | 4710597 | 0 173 | 76349 | 44130444 |

Subsub-
total 173 4710597 0 173 44130444
Deoghar
Felspar Tonne 2 1570 141 2 1610 127
Quartz Tonne 0 2984 179 0 3140 169
Subsub-total 2 320 2 296
Dhanbad
Silver Kg. 0 9073 67004 0 7179 53017
Fireclay Tonne 2 1690 136 3 2907 285
Subsub-total 2 67140 3 53302
Dumka
Felspar Tonne 0 818 82 0 1304 98
Quartz Tonne 2 3951 395 2 4041 222
Subsub-total 2 477 2 320
Garhwa
Dolomite Tonne 1 288532 154076 1 356547 212502
Subsub-total 1 154076 1 212502
Giridih
Mica Tonne 4 215 452 4 178 401
Mica (Waste&Scr) Tonne 0 34 0 0 85 0
Subsub-total 4 452 4 401
Gumla
Bauxite Tonne 18 575972 123630 18 732232 149093
Laterite Tonne 0 10 1 0 0 0
Subsub-total 18 123631 18 149093
Hazari-bagh
Felspar Tonne 1 604 79 1 2273 280
Fireclay Tonne 1 100 6 1 485 20
Garnet (abrasive) Tonne 1 0 4 0 0 0
Lime-stone 000 t 6 116 24983 6 102 21233
Quartz Tonne 0 1662 216 0 2500 312
Subsub-total 9 25288 8 21845
Kodar-ma
Mica Tonne 9 338 4356 9 314 4065
Mica (Waste&Scr) Tonne 0 340 0 0 232 0
Subsub-total 9 4356 9 4065
Lohar-daga
Bauxite Tonne 11 540845 113382 9 509769 109162
Kaolin Tonne 0 955 965 0 106 106
Subsub-total 11 114347 9 109268
Munger
Quartzite Tonne 4 8266 1748 7 17771 2008
Steatite Tonne 1 1090 65 1 863 45
Subsub-total 5 1813 8 2053
Nawada
Mica Tonne 11 334 3118 8 98 1015
Mica (Waste& scr) Tonne 0 0 0 0 18 0
Subsub-total 11 3118 8 1015
Palamau
Iron Ore 000 t 1 7 2081 2 6 1749
Felspar Tonne 0 5748 611 0 2906 410
Fireclay Tonne 9 16060 1846 7 5990 812
Graphite Tonne 5 7979 2328 4 9906 1964
Lime-tone 000 t 2 157 74640 2 99 42908
Quartz Tonne 6 910 79 6 851 68
Subsub-total 23 81585 21 47911
Ranchi
Kaolin Tonne 1 2550 332 1 900 117
Lime-stone 000 t 2 25 3873 1 25 4178
Subsub-total 3 4205 2 4295
Rohtas
Lime-stone 000 t 6 523 168571 6 433 139382
Pyrites Tonne 1 125474 78919 1 88738 83580
Subsub-total 7 247490 7 222962
Saheb-ganj
Kaolin Tonne 3 33662 21995 4 17097 19116
Silica Sand Tonne 3 81215 19263 3 77354 17457
Subsub-total 6 41258 7 36573
Singh-bhum East
Copper Ore Tonne 5 945827 1073782 5 647844 723526
Gold Kg. 0 684 254627 0 505 176222
Silver Kg. 0 6399 46287 0 5127 38742
Kyanite Tonne 1 4831 2614 1 4920 2662
Subsub-total 6 1377310 6 941152
Singh-bhum West
Iron Ore 000 t 17 12495 2270902 19 11997 2220725
Manga-nese Ore Tonne 3 8132 3013 2 13115 4367
Kaolin Tonne 11 21411 7917 11 12341 6710
Kyanite Tonne 1 86 170 1 73 138
Lime-stone 000 t 9 533 67776 8 415 64957
Ochre Tonne 1 220 12 1 747 112
Quartz Tonne 1 5700 234 1 3398 469
Subsub-total 43 2350024 43 2297478
Sub-total 335 51702860 331 48234975